

"Mentoring is the single best thing we can do for a beginning teacher."

Jim McCrossin, High School Principal



Mentor Institute 2003

Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 7

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Institute

Friday, Aug. 8

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Institute

Registration:

\$45 Individual

\$35 Per team member

whose team includes at least one administrator and one teacher

After July 24, 2003

Late Registration fees:

\$60 Individual

\$50 Per team member

whose team includes at least one administrator and one teacher

Parking fees are included in registration cost

Meals are on your own

Lodging:

MSU-N. Hedges Dorm

\$21 Single Room

\$34 Double Room

Linens provided

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August 7 - 8, 2003

MSU-Bozeman Campus

Student Union Building, 7th and Grant

13.5 Renewal Units are available

1 graduate credit will be available for an additional cost

Registration Deadline: July 24, 2003

Purpose of the Institute:

- To promote mentoring programs as a tool for enhancing teacher retention and quality; and
- To develop teachers as high-quality teacher mentors.

Mentor Strand Highlights

Intended Audience: veteran teachers who will be mentoring new teachers or who would like to increase their mentor skills.

Mentor Skills - Dena Durish, a former classroom teacher and teacher training specialist, was a presenter at last year's Institute who received rave reviews. Dena provides in-depth training on skills mentors need to give the best support to beginning teachers, including: establishing a mentoring relationship, phases of first-year teaching, providing appropriate support, and formulating a year-long mentoring plan.

The Mentor As A Coach - Elaine Meeks, principal at Cherry Valley School in Polson, will teach skills in coaching new teachers, including: defining the characteristics of and differentiating between coaching, collaboration, consulting and evaluating; and how to use each skill effectively with new teachers. The skills gained in this workshop can be used with other colleagues, students and supervisors.

Supervisor Strand Highlights

Intended Audience: personnel who will design and/or supervise a districtwide or schoolwide mentor program.

Dr. Alan Zetler, principal author of "The Single Best Thing-Mentoring Beginning Teachers," will present research on the needs of beginning teachers and mentor programs in Montana.

New Teacher Center (NTC) - The NTC is the first center of its kind dedicated to teacher development and the support of programs and practices that promote excellence and diversity in educators. Trainers from the NTC will teach skills that include: essential component of induction programs, selecting mentors, mentor roles, formative assessments, and factors that assist in creating quality schoolwide mentor programs.